

NEWS RELEASE

EXPANSION OF INTERPRETER SERVICES

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Effective Monday, April 2, 2018, the Riverside Superior Court expanded interpreter services to non-English speaking civil litigants countywide, at no cost in several case types as follows:

- All Family Law Cases, including Domestic Violence Cases
- All Elder Abuse Cases
- All Civil Harassment Cases
- Unlawful Detainer Cases
- Termination of Parental Rights Cases, and cases that involve custody or visitation of children
- Conservatorship and Guardianship Cases

The court will also continue to provide interpreters in all mandated areas as follows:

- Criminal
- Traffic
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Juvenile Dependency
- Child Support (AB1058)
- Mental Health

The expansion of interpreter services was made possible by a change in statewide policy regarding court interpreter funding. The Riverside Superior Court is committed to providing language access to all case types. However, interpreters for case types other than those listed above will be subject to the availability of qualified interpreters.

Litigants, agencies, and counsel can request an interpreter when filing their case at the clerk's office, by mail or e-mail at

<u>InterpreterServicesDivision@riverside.courts.ca.gov</u></u>. Parties should inform the Court that they need an interpreter as far in advance as possible of their court date. If an interpreter is not requested in advance, or is not available, the Court may continue the case until one can be assigned.

Other information regarding interpreter services can be found on our Court website at: http://riverside.courts.ca.gov/interpreter/interpreter.shtml

Questions regarding Interpreter Services may be sent via e-mail to InterpreterServicesDivision@riverside.courts.ca.gov

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